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SUBJ: REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT'S VISIT, OR WHOSE REACTIONS HAVE BEEN ELICITED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGES, HAVE EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AND PLEASURE OVER WAY ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT WENT.

2. DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY MOJSOV, EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR GREAT SATISFACTION OVER VISIT. MOJSOV SAID TITO AND OTHERS WERE PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S CANDOR ON MIDDLE EAST AND FIRST GOY ACTION AFTER VISIT WAS TO BRIEF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THOROUGHLY, FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH GROUP OF ARAB AMBASSADORS.

3. FSFA AMERICA DEPARTMENT HEAD STARCEVIC SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED NOT ONLY BE CANDOR BUT BY FACT THAT US VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED DIRECTLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION, THUS INDICATING AN OPENNESS TYPICAL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDS. US DESK OFFICER (KELIC) IN FSFA DESCRIBED TALKS AS SERIOUS, CORDIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN FRIENDS. HE PRAISED EXCELLENT COOPERATION BETWEEN EMBASSY/ ADVANCE PARTY AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, SAYING THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS BEEN NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND

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YUGOSLAVS DURING PLANNING AND VISIT ITSELF. HE ALSO PRAISED

US PRESS FOR ITS EXCELLENT BEHAVIOR.

4. KELIC STATED THAT GOY DECIDED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILICEVIC SHOULD HAVE PRO MEMORIA ON EMERGE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AS PREFERABLE TO RAISING SUBJECT IN TALKS. KELIC HALF APOLOGIZED THAT THIS AND SECOND PRO MEMORIA ON YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF CAPTURED GERMAN FILMS (BOTH PRO MEMORIA POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT) WERE RAISED WITH HARTMAN WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE WARNING TO EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR RAISED HELL WITH MOJSOV ABOUT THIS AND MOJSOV RUEFULLY EXPLAINED THAT TITO HIMSELF HAD DIRECTED THE ISSUE BE RAISED ONLY THE DAY BEFORE THE VISIT, LEADING US TO CONCLUDE THERE MUST BE SOMETHING PARTICULARLY INTERESTING IN THESE FILMS.

5. KELIC TOLD CANADIAN EMBOFF THAT YUGOSLAVS WERE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT'S REFERENCES TO TITO'S PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STATURE. HE SAID FURTHER THAT THERE ARE NO OPEN QUESTIONS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. KELIC ALLEGED TO CANADIAN THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT US HAS HAD EVEN-HANDED MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

6. AUSTRIAN AND DANISH AMBASSADORS TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED BY YUGOSLAVS THAT VISIT WENT MUCH BETTER THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED. THE AUSTRIAN WAS TOLD BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS (KRDZIC), IN A SOMEWHAT ELLIPTICAL FASHION, THAT THE MEETING WENT SO WELL THAT IT WOULD HAVE DOMESTIC YUGOSLAV CONSEQUENCES.

7. JNA OFFICER TOLD DATT THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES THAT VISIT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE PRESIDENT HAD "AGREED" TO HELP YUGOSLAVIA IN TWO CRITICAL AREAS--ECONOMICS AND MILITARY SALES.

8. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES REGISTERED "SURPRISE" AT SUCCESS OF MEETINGS AND PREDICTED MUCH IMPROVED CLIMATE FOR EXPANSION CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND (HE HOPED) SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AS RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAVORABLE IMPRESSED PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY LEFT ON YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP.

9. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ELICIT REACTIONS FROM YUGOSLAVS AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND REPORT ANY SUBSTANTIAL COMMENTS.

10. SEPTELS (BELGRADE 4046, 4077, 4078 AND 4132) HAVE REPORTED ON PRESS REACTION TO VISIT.

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